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TO - CHIEF OF STATION, SANTIAGO

INFO - NONE

FROM - CHIEF, WESTERN HEMISPHERE DIVISION

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ACTION - SEE BELOW

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1. WOULD APPRECIATE STATION COMMENTS [redacted], WHICH INDICATES THAT DESPITE OPPOSITION PRESS HULLABALOO OVER ''DOUBLE REGISTRATIONS' NOT ONE CONCRETE COMPLAINT HAS YET BEEN LODGED WITH ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL. DOES THIS REPRESENT INERTIA OR HAVE OPPOSITION PARTIES ACTUALLY BEEN UNABLE UNCOVER ANY SPECIFIC INSTANCES OF FRAUD?

2. WOULD ALSO LIKE STATION COMMENTS ON EXTENT TO WHICH MILITARY COMPUTERS ARE BEING USED TO SPOT-CHECK ECOM'S REVIEW OF REGISTRATION. ASSUME STATION WORKING CLOSELY WITH APPROPRIATE ASSETS TO INSURE THAT POSSIBILITIES OF FRAUD INHERENT IN ABNORMALLY LARGE NUMBERS OF NEW ELECTORS ARE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED AND [redacted] MECHANISMS FOR PREVENTING REGISTRATION AND OTHER ELECTORAL FRAU[redacted] ARE MADE AS EFFECTIVE AS POSSIBLE.

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